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1a [ASNC Meeting of the Board of Representatives Monday January 26](#)

Sun Jan 25, 2015 3:59 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)

Meeting of the Board of Representatives

Monday January 26, 2015 • 7:00 p.m. • Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

A G E N D A

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (Secretary)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES (10 min.)

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 min.)

The public may provide comments to the board on nonagenda items within the Neighborhood Councils subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (10 min.)

- Hermon Geographic Representative position is vacant. Nominations are now open. Application for the position is available at <http://asnc.us> and must be received by mail by March 17, 2015.
- The Code of Conduct submission has been extended to April 3rd, with a training alternative to signing the form.
- Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our May meeting date will be May 18.
- A Special Board meeting will be held in February to read ASNC Bylaws changes.
- Report on National Trust of Historic Preservation's designation of the Southwest Museum as a National Treasure.

7. PRESENTATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS Arguments on both sides regarding proposed change of City and LAUSD election dates to align with State election dates.

NEW BUSINESS For discussion and possible action

8. TREASURER'S REPORT (Budget & Finance) Motion: The ASNC approves the monthly financial statement and bank card statement.

9. SUSPEND SPENDING LIMIT GUIDELINE Motion: The ASNC Board suspends the Standing Rule guideline that limits to \$500 financial support or purchases on behalf of any community group or event with respect to items #10, #11 and #12. (Budget & Finance Committee)

10. MARMION MURAL RESTORATION Motion: The ASNC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 in Community Improvement funds for paint from Home Depot to restore and maintain the Marmion Way Mural in cooperation with the Autry, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Aztecs Rising. This is the first step of an area-wide effort collaborating with other community groups to restore the public art below the Southwest Museum north of Museum Drive in the Sycamore Grove area. The effort will potentially include the development of an exercise circuit with improved paths and lighting in the area. The project must begin May 1, 2015. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees)

11. EDUCATION/HEALTH/SAFETY EVENT Motion: The ASNC approves the expenditure of up to \$800 to purchase refreshments, promotional items, and banners for a spring event at Budd Weiner Park March 21, co-sponsored with CD14. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees)

12. EGGSTRAVAGANZA Motion: The ASNC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000.00 for ASNC-branded promotional giveaways and refreshments for Eggstravaganza in collaboration with Ramona Hall April 4. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees)

13. CD14 CANDIDATE FORUM Motion: The ASNC Board approves \$300 in outreach funds for refreshments and room rental for a CD14 Candidate forum February 11 in collaboration with DLANC and possibly other NCs. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees)

14. HOMELESS TOWNHALL Motion: The ASNC approves the expenditure of up to \$100.00 for refreshments for the Homeless Town Hall Tuesday February 24 at Ramona Hall. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees).

15. STORAGE CONTAINERS Motion: The ASNC approves the operational expenditure of \$100.00 for storage containers to be used to organize promotional material in storage and to transport to events. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees)

14. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS Motion: The ASNC approves the expenditure of up \$1000 to purchase promotional pens and shopping bags for future events. (Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees)

15. HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS Motion: The ASNC recognizes that Los Angeles is in a "state of emergency" for homeless Veterans and hereby requests that the Los Angeles City Council direct the City of Los Angeles with all of its resources and the Veterans Administration to unify and open a large-scale Crisis Humanitarian Relief Project on Veterans Administration land to immediately house and care for disabled and homeless Veterans in the City of Los Angeles. (LANCC)

16. 822 and 828 ONEONTA Motion: The ASNC will:

A. Notify the Los Angeles City Fire Department of possible emergency vehicle egress issues because of developers chain-link fenced-in area resting on the public street.

B. Notify Building and Safety Grading Department of existing caissons which have been left unfilled and are a public safety issue.

C. Notify the City Planning Department that the development is not moving ahead in a timely manner and that and that issues of public safety are not being addressed.

17. 1515 and 1521 KILLARNEY Motion: The ASNC recommends approval by the City Planning Office of the plans submitted for 1515 and 1521 Killarney.

18. REPORT ON ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ARROYO SECO RIVER PRESENTATION

Organized by Environment Representative Loyd Kattro and co-sponsored by CD1.

19. COMMITTEE REPORTS Updates from Committee Chairs.

Hermon, Joyce Garber

Monterey Hills, Jim Henderson

Mount Washington, Padraic Cassidy

Sycamore Grove, Brenda Ibañez and Darlene Cabrera

Communications & Outreach, Teresa Bonsell

Planning & Land Use, Tamar Rosenthal

Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Roy Payan

Rules & Elections, Lynda Valencia

Transportation, Harv Woien

20. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

21. ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the Board is February 23, 2015.

Funding requests: Unless otherwise stated in the approved motion, any funds appropriated for community projects as a result of this meeting's actions: (1) will be drawn from the 2014-15 ASNC budget; and, (2) under ASNC standing rules, expenditure of any such funds must begin WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, or the appropriation will automatically lapse.

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Process for Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its actions on items listed on the agenda in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

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Lupe Ramos, Education & Youth
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2 Feb 12 Council District 14 Candidate Debate

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Thu, Feb 12, 7:00 PM

Luther Burbank Middle School, North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council in partnership with the Highland Park Heritage Trust, the Garvanza Improvement Association, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Present a CD14 Town Hall and Debate

Join us February 12th at 7pm, for a Town Hall and Debate for the Candidates for Council District 14.
Luther Burbank Middle School (6460 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles 90042)

All candidates have been invited to participate.
Nadine Momoyo Diaz - Confirmed
Jose Huizar - Confirmed
John O'Neill - Invited
Mario Chavez Invited
Gloria Molina Confirmed

We thank our media Sponsor NELA Art

Please contact Monica Alcaraz at monica.alcaraz@highlandparknc.com for more information or if you would like to partner/sponsor this event.

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3 **Reminder: Alliance Monday, 1/26 Meeting, "Snacks for Comfort" Drive**

Sun Jan 25, 2015 4:00 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

Please join us for...

MOUNT WASHINGTON HOMEOWNERS ALLIANCE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday January 26th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Gil Cedillo "A year in review... Current Projects"

Installation of 2015 Directors and Officers, Certificates of Appreciation to Outgoing Directors and Officers

Delicious Treats and Refreshments!

Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center

511 W. Ave 46, Los Angeles, CA 90065

MountWashingtonAlliance.com

"Snacks for Comfort" Support Victim Children and Your Local LAPD!

Please bring non perishable snacks to the Annual MWAHA Meeting this coming Monday January 26th. Suggested items are juice boxes, breakfast/granola bars, fruit chews, individual bags of chips and crackers etc. When a child ends up in protective custody at the NE Police Station, s/he could end up spending the whole day there; any snacks or drinks they receive (usually from a vending machine or fast food restaurant) are payed for out of the police officers pocket. All food items we collect will be taken to the NE Division, where they will be labeled and given out to the young kids. As an added benefit, our LAPD will know it was the Mt. Washington Community who supplied the snacks, and it never hurts to have the police on your side!

"Snacks for Comfort" came about as the result of the successful "Toys for Comfort" program with Mt. Washington Elementary and LAPD. Questions? Email nicoletthomas101@earthlink.net

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4 Jan 29 Before Watergate, Wikileaks, and Snowden, There Was....

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Thu, Jan 29, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Occidental College 1600 Campus Road Los Angeles, CA 90041

ON MARCH 8, 1971—14 years before Edward Snowden was born—excessive government surveillance was exposed when eight seemingly ordinary Americans broke into an FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania, and stole more than one thousand documents.

HEAR FROM THE KEY PLAYERS who exposed and who were targeted by COINTELPRO, the FBI's vast domestic spying operation designed to induce paranoia among Americans, particularly civil rights activists.

Join ACLU of Southern California and partners in a critical discussion about privacy and surveillance in the U.S. with one of the burglars, Bonnie Raines; Betty Medsger, author of *The Burglary: The Discovery of J. Edgar Hoover's Secret FBI*; and members of the Black Panther Party who were targeted and tortured under COINTELPRO, Hank Jones and Harold Taylor.

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5 **LA-32 NC Event Calendar Events for January 24 - February 6**

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LA-32 NC Event Calendar
Events for January 24 - February 6

Mon

Jan 26 6:00 pm CANCELED - LA-32 NC Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Ends @
7:00

7:00 pm LA-32 NC Membership and Outreach Committee Meeting
CD 14 Office Councilman Jose Huizar's Office
4927 N Huntington Dr
Los Angeles, CA 90032 Ends @ 8:00

*Rescheduled due to the Holiday CD14 is closed on MLK

Wed

Jan 28 8:00 am LAFD CERT Program
DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER
111 N Hope St
Los Angeles, CA 90012 Ends @ 12:00

Event Details

INSTRUCTOR: FIREFIGHTER ALEX BUTLER - (213) 893-9534
Classes 1&2 – January 7 (Introduction, Earthquake Awareness) & (Disaster Fire Suppression Techniques)
Classes 3&4 – January 14

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7:00 pm Northeast Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting
The Glassell Park Senior & Community Center
3750 N. Verdugo Road
Los Angeles, 90065 Ends @ 9:00

You are invited to the NANC's regularly scheduled meeting every Fourth Wednesday of the month (generally, may change due to holidays) where all local neighborhood councils and stakeholders can share i...

Thu

Jan 29 6:00 pm LADWP Interim Stormwater Capture Master Plan Public Meeting
LADWP Headquarters Auditorium
111 N. Hope St.
Los Angeles, CA Ends @ 8:00

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is hosting a public meeting to present the Interim Stormwater Capture Master Plan. The draft plan considers the public's input from early to mid-2...

Sat

Jan 31 "Museums Free-For-All" -- Free Museum Admission Today

It's that special time of year again where we can get our culture on without having to pay a dime. Several museums around SoCal will be offering free admission on Jan. 31, and a couple on Feb. 1 as pa...

Tue

Feb 3 6:00 pm Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (The Commission) was established by the City Charter in 1999 as a policy-setting and oversight commission for the Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Ne...

Wed

Feb 4 6:00 pm LA-32 Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting
El Sereno Senior Citizen Center
4818 Klamath Place
Los Angeles, CA 90032

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6 **Jan 31 Heritage Square Community Garden Work Day**

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Sat, Jan 31, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

3800 Homer Street, Los Angeles, CA

Heritage Square Museum Ford House kitchen garden circa 1900 Vegetables, stone fruit trees, orange trees Come to the museum and learn about heritage gardening back in the day from Neil Weightman, Michelle Shipton Cook and Helen Yeo. Bring your own tools or we can provide.

Posted by Rose Aleman

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7 HHPNC Arts & Culture Committee Meeting and Agenda Thursday, January

Sun Jan 25, 2015 4:00 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Notice of Arts & Culture Committee Meeting and Agenda
Thursday, January 29, 2015
Book Show
5503 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90042
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order & Welcome by Chair
- B. Roll Call
- C. Public Comments on NON--AGENDA items. Limit 2 minutes per speaker

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve agenda
2. Elect a committee secretary
3. Motion to approve venue of next meeting
4. Discuss status of Lummis Home
5. Discuss status of Southwest Museum, and what can we do as HHPNC Arts & Culture Committee
6. Discuss results of community survey conducted by HHPNC Outreach Committee, specifically the percentage of stakeholders interested in accessible Arts Programs/Projects. Should we conduct a targeted survey?
7. Discuss availability of Neighborhood Purpose Grants for local Arts & Culture organizations
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

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The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the first Thursday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at: (1) Café de Leche located at 5000 York Boulevard, (2) Ramona Hall Community Center located at 4580 North Figueroa Street, (3) La Tropicana Market located at 5200 Monte Vista Street, (4) Fire Station #12 located at 5921 North Figueroa Street, (5) Highland Market located at 6901 N. Figueroa St, and (6) when possible, Arroyo Seco Library, 6145 North Figueroa Street

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8 **URGENT: Hahamongna Needs You - Please Respond**

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Hahamongna is the rare spot in the Arroyo Seco at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains where the mountainous watershed meets the urban plain. Periodically floods roar into this basin. Bounded on the north by the mountains and Jet Propulsion Laboratory and on the south by Devil's Gate Dam, Hahamongna contains five unique habitat zones that only exist in alluvial canyons near the mountains. Most sites like this in Southern California have been destroyed.

Don't let Hahamongna go the way of other lost environmental treasures in Southern California.

The No Big Dig Campaign is about a new sustainable approach to flood protection in Los Angeles County that protects our streams and rivers as well. Sediment is not a waste product to be hauled away to a dump, but an essential component of a river that provides habitat and shelter for fish and aquatic life and vitality to the communities around it.

In the last century engineers devised a flood system that has destroyed our streams and rivers and wasted water. In this century we need a more sustainable approach that conserves water and integrates

flood protection with the hydrology and biology of river systems.

If you care about the Los Angeles River or the Arroyo Seco, help Save Hahamongna. Be a Hahamongna Hawk!

Several years ago you signed a petition to Save Hahamongna. You helped force the LA County Flood Control to complete a full environmental impact report on their plan for sediment management at Devil's Gate Dam in Hahamongna Watershed Park. Sadly, though, the County officials didn't listen to the wide-spread public support for a careful, ongoing program of stream restoration and sediment management in the fabulous Arroyo Seco.

The program, adopted by the County Supervisors would mean 425 trucks per day will haul sediment from the park to distant landfills for more than five years, removing more than 2.4 million cubic yards of sand and sediment from the basin, scraping it to a level not seen since the 1930s. More than 150,000 diesel-belching trucks; traffic, noise, dust, pollution, habitat destruction, and a permanent 50 acre maintenance yard in the middle of a streamzone.

The Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon say "No Big Dig!" We support the program adopted by the Pasadena City Council that would provide flood protection and preserve Hahamongna and our neighborhoods.

Hahamongna is the most special environmental treasure in our region. We can't let LA County Flood Control District destroy it and degrade our neighborhoods. The Arroyo Seco Foundation and the Pasadena Audubon Society have filed a lawsuit to protect Hahamongna and our neighborhoods. Our goal is to secure a more moderate and sustainable program that will reduce impacts on Hahamongna Watershed Park and on our neighborhoods.

Please give generously. The fate of Hahamongna and our neighborhoods depends on your generosity. We are looking for 250 people who can give \$100 each to protect Hahamongna for future generations. Can you be a Hahamongna Hawk?

I'm a Hawk!

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Luis Rincon at Los Angeles State Historic Park| Nathan Solis

By NATHAN SOLIS
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Luis Rincon is surrounded by upturned mounds of earth. You wouldn't know it by looking at the scene, with views of downtown skyscrapers and warehouses, but this is a state park – Los Angeles State Historic Park just across the river from Lincoln Heights. During the past year, this 32-acre swath of land has looked more like a construction than a state park as it undergoes an extensive renovation. But as a Park Interpretive Specialist, Rincon, 36, is in tune with the land, with the native plant life and he's overjoyed at the renovation to the 32 acre park on the north side of Chinatown.

As a boy growing up in El Sereno a few miles from where he now works, wildlife seemed exotic to Rincon. He loved the outdoors and fishing with his father. Thanks to career programs in high school, Rincon worked in the Western Sierras clearing trails and deepened his love with the outdoors. When it came time to go to college, he headed to Humboldt State in Northern California, where he found himself living away from Los Angeles for the first time and receiving a dose of culture shock. Now, Rincon has returned home, giving tours of urban wetlands and riverside parks not far from where he grew up and introducing a whole new generation to the great outdoors that can be found in the middle of Los Angeles.

"We want to reach the urban audience, to engage people and show them that open space is important."

What is your connection to the area that you're serving as a Park Interpretive Specialist?

The story is layered. When I first reported in at the outreach office at El Pueblo it was a full circle for me. I'm supposed to be here, I thought. My great grandparents had a puesto at Olvera Street and my dad worked there. Then my siblings and I worked there. Now to go back to L.A.'s historic core with the Park's Department is full circle.

What type of role do you play here in a park in the middle of the city?

I'm here and [go] out to schools, to after-school nature programs and reach out to the underrepresented groups – like the children in the projects, the other locals who might be afraid of what parks typically represent – and then I get to connect people with their park. Here, I am someone in a uniform who will relate to them, in English or Spanish, over this vast public facility. We want to reach the urban audience, to engage people and show them that open space is important, because sometimes it's in the background and doesn't seem vital to them. But it's the most vital, most important part of the community.

How have the renovations impacted your job?

I've used it as an opportunity to engage other parks. We've created a native plant garden at a partnership park. And then we had a camping event on the L.A. River. One of my last presentations was to MASA ... they're a mental health organization and they target the Mexican-American community. The use of open space was the focus ... emphasizing that outdoor recreation has a therapeutic quality beneficial to their client's needs.

How important a role do you think open spaces play in L.A.'s future?

I think it's critical. People need to recreate. Our connection to the outdoors and our need to connect is part of the human development. It's vital that these open spaces remain... well open and people remain engaged.

What's the goal of your efforts?

The ultimate goal is to create a stewardship with these open spaces, where people are informed about their environment and feel a need to tend and care for them. That's something we need to pass on to future generations – a sense of responsibility in conserving water, not dumping our trash.

Nathan Solis is a Highland Park resident who writes about and photographs the L.A. music scene. You can find more of Solis' stories, reviews and photos at Avenue Meander.

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Arthur Valenzuela, 18, right, and Miguel Hernandez, 50, left, haul water to their tents in a homeless encampment near the Arroyo Seco riverbed.

Miguel Hernandez, 50, hangs blankets to dry on a line in the homeless encampment where he lives. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, a city-county agency, received 767 calls about street encampments in 2014, up 60% from the 479 in 2013.

By GALE HOLLAND contact the reporter

Homeless encampments are growing and multiplying in L.A. neighborhoods beyond downtown's boundaries

Are L.A. County's homeless more numerous or simply more visible? A count this week could hold the answer

Evicted four months ago from their Highland Park apartment, Louis Morales and his 18-year-old stepson, Arthur Valenzuela, live half-hidden by brush along the nearby Arroyo Seco riverbed.

Morales, 49, keeps a framed bible verse and a stuffed monkey in his tent. Water hauled by bike from a park heats up on the camp stove.

Next door, their friend Johnny Salazar fixes bikes and shattered computer screens on the cheap for people who live in the neighborhood. A brother and sister Morales has known for years live up the river, and three couples stay down by the bridge.

"Everybody here is from Highland Park," Valenzuela said. "We don't allow other people."

Over the last two years, street encampments have jumped their historic boundaries in downtown Los Angeles, lining freeways and filling underpasses from Echo Park to South Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, a city-county agency, received 767 calls about street encampments in 2014, up 60% from the 479 in 2013.

Some residents believe the city is exporting its downtown homeless problem to their neighborhoods. But

social service agencies and volunteers say it isn't that simple. They say that although downtown development and skid row cleanups are squeezing out some homeless people, many camps are filled with locals.

Soaring rents, closed shelters and funding cutbacks are pushing residents from neighborhoods such as Highland Park and Boyle Heights into the streets, where they cling to familiar turf.

"Homeless people, especially the mentally ill, they don't like new," said Senior Lead Officer Gina Chovan of the Los Angeles Police Department's Northeast Division. "They want to stay where they know all the nooks and crannies."

Bound by court decisions, the city has largely quit breaking up homeless groups and confiscating their trash and belongings, leaving the camps to grow and multiply.

Whether homeless people are more numerous or simply more visible could be answered by the biennial tally taking place this week.

As many as 6,000 volunteers will go out Tuesday through Thursday searching for homeless people living in alleys, riverbeds, cars and RVs. For the first time, homeless people will be asked about their gender identity, domestic violence and prison histories, and years of military service — information that could better track where they came from and why.

Mayor Eric Garcetti raised the stakes by pledging to get the city's 3,400 homeless veterans off the streets by the end of the year. The count two years ago found 38,000 homeless people in Los Angeles County. The census does not affect homeless services funding, but it influences policymakers and politicians.

Although authorities are not forcing homeless people out of downtown, redevelopment has made it harder for some to live there.

Nursing a beer one morning by a street fountain on Sunset Boulevard, Eric Warner said he generally stays in Silver Lake, getting by as a handyman or caretaker.

When jobs dried up, he used to grab a cheap hotel room downtown. Now those rooms are gone, converted to homeless housing, tourist hotels, lofts or market-rate rentals.

"The Alexandria, the Rosslyn, the Cecil ... there goes that idea," he said.

People like Warner have always gone back and forth from skid row to residential areas, where many feel safer and can maintain a semblance of normalcy, said Natalie Profant Komuro, executive director of Ascencia, a Glendale homeless services agency.

But as long as shelters, food lines and other relief programs remain concentrated in skid row, downtown will be continue to be a homeless magnet.

"Many people in skid row end up there because they couldn't find help in their home community," Komuro said in an email. "Or were too ashamed to look for it there."

Salazar said he feels a piercing stigma when he goes out for groceries or bathroom runs in Highland Park, his longtime home.

"You tell them 'hi,' they ignore you," Salazar said, tears skidding down his cheeks. A life-sized Hulk dummy glares out of the gloom of his workshop to keep the thugs away.

"A lot of people don't want us here," Salazar said.

Rebecca Prine of Recycled Resources for the Homeless, a northeast Los Angeles neighborhood group, said most of the arroyo refugees want housing but can't find it.

"We would love to get out of here," Valenzuela said.

As downtown development continues to spread, more homeless people may soon be on the move. Two years ago, cardboard mats and shopping carts began to build up at 18th and Hope streets at the southern edge of downtown. The street was like a mini-skid row, with meals, showers and mail service at the St. Francis Center and a branch of the Calvary Chapel.

Soon, the tents stretched around the corner, in part because of overflow from the real skid row, said Jose Ramirez, the St. Francis Center's executive director. Now development is marching east from

Staples Center, closing in on the still sizable Hope Street encampment.

In late December, Calvary Chapel's Hope Street outpost closed down for financial reasons. Police showed up this month checking for people with arrest warrants and announcing an impending street cleanup, the homeless people said.

A nearby church strung yellow police tape across the sidewalk where tents once stood — a bid to reclaim part of the neighborhood.

"Now that we're fixing up our communities, we're actually seeing a problem that's been there in plain sight for decades," said the LAPD's Chovan. "Gentrification just brought it to light."

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11 Important NELA Homeless Outreach this Saturday

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A very good evening to you all,

This Saturday Recycled Resources for the Homeless will host our monthly outreach. This is a very important outreach as not only will we be visiting our homeless neighbors, handing out lunches, clothing, and hygiene supplies, we will also be conducting interviews with each one of them and ensure their information gets input into a regional data base that matches people with housing. We need to locate and survey as many people as possible to ensure we leave no one out.

Recycled Resources is part of a team working in Northeast Los Angeles dedicated to housing our most at risk neighbors experiencing homelessness. We believe that all our homeless neighbors should have equal access to housing and that housing is a basic human right. We believe that housing resources need to go where they are most needed; to us, that means those most at risk for death if left living on the streets. It means that those suffering from mental illness, substance dependence, and physical injury need to be prioritized for housing where they can begin to address their needs.

The goal of this new team is to house 10 of our most at risk NELA homeless neighbors by May 1st and we need your help to make this possible.

The first step in this goal is to survey our homeless neighbors and record what their challenges are. This Saturday January 31st YOU ARE NEEDED!

You can email me if you have any questions or to RSVP. Please RSVP so I can have areas ready to survey prior to Saturday.

There will be a half-hour training about how to complete the survey prior to going out and volunteers will be paired with an experienced outreach person. A copy of the survey is attached if you would like to familiarize yourself with it. This will not be the actual one we are using as some questions have changed but it will give you an idea of what information we are seeking. It is known as the SPDAT. If this is your first time working with the homeless population we will guide & support you!

Event Information is on the flyer attached: Saturday January 31st 6AM - 1PM at Eagle Rock City Hall

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From Jaime aguija@yahoo.com

We are taking it back to the early days of the Eastside Bike Club with this slow, mellow, family friendly Saturday morning ride to explore some of L.A.'s and San Gabriel Valley's diverse eateries and beautiful sites.

If you're an experienced rider, cool! If you are new to riding, cool!

January 31. Meet up at the parklet in El Sereno at 10, roll at 10:30. (4910 Huntington Dr, El Sereno, 90032)

For this month's ride, we will be heading to beautiful Huntington Park for lunch at Yaya's Tortas (<http://www.yelp.com/biz/yayas-burgers-no-2-huntington-park>)

This is will be about 25 miles round trip.

Bring money for lunch, a bike in good working order, a lock, a helmet, sun protection, plenty of water, spare tube, a new rider, and a friendly attitude.

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